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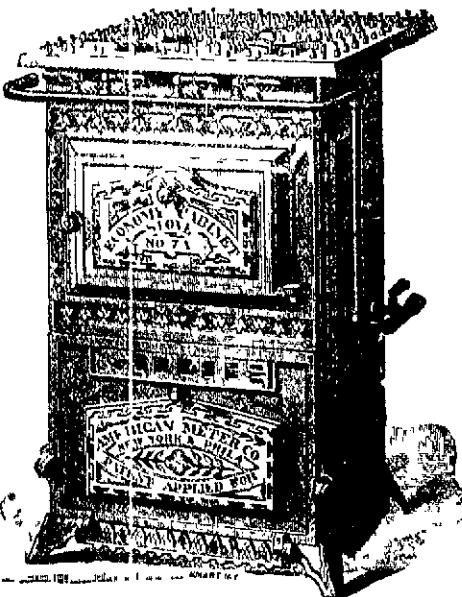
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FOOD FOR HOGS.

LESSONS TAUGHT BY THE EXPERIMENTS MADE
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P. F. W. A. Henry, of the University
of Wisconsin, has been carrying out a
series of experiments upon hogs by
feeding some to produce fat and others
to produce lean. He claims that the
experiments show that when we feed
to our hogs a ration rich in carbohy-
drates but lacking in protein like corn
meal, we will find

1 That such is the cause of development of
fat on the outside of the muscles and
beneath the skin on the back, the muscles
2 That the muscles of the body fail to de-
velop to their full size especially some of
the most important ones as those along the
back

3 That in an animal that is out of hair
and thin skin

4 That while the heart and lungs de-
velop to their full size, the spleen liver
and kidneys are very small

5 The amount of blood in the body is greatly
reduced from that of a normal animal

6 The strength of bones is reduced one
half

It would seem that we may conclude
that a system of feeding which robs the
hog of his blood and hinders the nat-
ural strength of his bones and pro-
duces other violent changes is a most
unnatural one and must, if persisted
in, end in giving us a race of animals
which will be unsatisfactory to all con-
cerned

From parents thus weakened must
come descendants that will fall easy
victims to disease and disaster. Know-
ing the facts as here set forth, can we
any longer wonder that our hogs are
weak in constitution and easily break
down when attacked by disease? Nor is
this all the meat from such animals can
hardly be of any use and composition
satisfactory to the consumer

If even a part of what has been set
forth is correct, is it not high time we
turned our energies toward better
methods? And this calls for higher
thought, better care, but he fully be-
lieves in the economy of money which
he believes we can feed hogs more
profitably by rational methods than by
the unsatisfactory and wasteful ones
now only too common. First of all, we
must see to it that breeding sows re-
ceive a proper ration in which protein
compounds form a liberal share.

The young pigs must likewise have a goodly
allowance of protein while the mature
hogs when fattening can be fed a
large proportion of carbohydrates es-
pecially if we wish to make a large
proportion of lard. The food articles
at our command which are rich in
protein are skim-milk, buttermilk,
shorts, bran, peas, green clover and
the like. No farmer can afford to
manage his farm with a minimum of
these muscle-making foods, they should
be supplied abundantly and at reason-
able cost if we will only study to do so.

Shall we raise less corn? No. We do
not want less corn, but we want more
clover, more shorts, more bran, more
peas and more skim milk to bring the
highest results. Without attempting
to give any exact rules for guidance,
the following statements may not be
out of place. During gestation, breed-
ing sows should have only a small al-
lowance of corn, the feed being mainly
that which will go to give her young
good sound bodies. Such feed would
be shorts (middlings or ship-stuff),
bran, skim-milk, buttermilk and
clover. When suckling her young, of
course milk is one of the best articles
at our command. When weaned the
pigs may get say, two parts of milk
by weight, one part of shorts and one
part of corn meal. A run on good
clover would go far to make a good
flame. When nearing maturity the
ration can be changed more and more
to the carbonaceous, and for the last
two months, when fattening, the feed
can be largely corn, if one desires fat
pork, but if lean, juicy meat is de-
sired, the muscle-making foods must
be continued. —Rural New Yorker.

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MONDAY EVE., DEC. 12, 1887.

The Chatsworth Report.

The report of the board of railroad commissioners on the Chatsworth disaster marks an epoch in the history of state control, or rather state supervision of railroads in Illinois. The investigation, which was made under the provisions of the law passed last winter, was a most thorough and searching one, and was entered into by that board with a determined purpose to find out everything possible bearing upon the cause of the accident. The railroad company was not permitted to give direction to the inquiries instituted, but its officers and employees were called upon by the board to furnish all the information in their possession calculated to throw light upon the disaster. A lot of most patient and thorough investigation on the board's part, and its report and submitted it to the governor, and it is now made public. It differs from most reports of this character in that it does not attempt to palliate or excuse the errors of management upon the part of the railroad company which, in the opinion of the board, are mainly responsible for the accident. It is found by the board that, while no individual official or employee of the railroad company can be charged with neglect of duty, the system of management which permits trains to pass over wooden bridges that are not more frequently patrolled than was done in this instance is a grave error which the safety of the traveling public demands should be at once remedied. "A railroad company is not compelled," says the report, "to build stone culverts or iron bridges or to make earth embankments. But when it exercises the privilege of building wooden culverts, wooden bridges and trestle-works, then it must at its peril so guard such structures that they will not take fire and burn, or it must so patrol its line of road when such wooden structures are that no accident from that cause befall the passengers transported over its road." This is good, wholesome doctrine—it is common sense, and the people of the state owe a debt of gratitude to the board for incorporating in its report. If the legislature will crystallize this doctrine into the form of a statute, and at the same time make it the duty of some competent authority to execute it, such accidents as the Chatsworth horror will not occur at least not from such causes.

It is not generally known that the world's supply of pencil wood comes mainly from Florida, and from a single county, Levy. The Faber and Eagle pencil companies both have mills at Cedar Keys for sawing up the wood for their factories.

Two judges of election in Albany have been indicted for felony for having made false returns at the November election. There are several judges of election in Chicago who deserve similar treatment. A dishonest or careless official at a popular election is next to an anarchist, the worst public enemy in this country.

The London papers are not usually very accurate in their estimates of American opinion, but the London Globe of a recent date is exactly right when it says that "the American masses are for the most part, disbelievers in free trade." And Mr. Cleveland is liable to come to the same conclusion within a twelve month.

The Chicago Tribune evidently perceives that it occupies untenable ground when it endorses the Cleveland message and at the same time favors the election of Mr. Blaine as president, and it is already beginning to hedge. It is not read Mr. Blaine out of the list of candidates for two days ago, and we may confidently expect that before long it will be howling itself hoarse in shouting the praises of the Maine statesman. The Tribune knows which side of its bre it is battered.

Clothes that Fit.

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FROM WASHINGTON.

What Our National Law-Makers are Expected to Do This Week.

Senator Teller's Proposed Amendments to the Banking Laws of the United States—Adams' Bill.

Speaker Carlisle and the Committee Members—No Dearth of Material to Select From.

Forecast of Congressional Action for the Present Week.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 12.—Only routine work of minor importance is likely to be done in Congress this week. When the House convenes at noon to-day, some more propositions on the subject of rules are expected, as almost every member has a suggestion in this line but no actual business can be done. Speaker Carlisle in all probability, will announce the standing committee on rules and the House will adjourn over to about Thursday, to give the committee opportunity to take into consideration the multitude of suggestions there have already been made on the subject of the permanent rules. The committee in the last Congress consisted of the Speaker and Messrs. Randall, Morrison, Reed and Hiseock. As Messrs. Morrison and Hiseock—a Democrat and Republican—have dropped out of the House, at least two new members will be named on the committee. Mr. Miller, of Texas, will in all probability be chosen to succeed Mr. Morrison, and either Mr. Brown, of Indiana, or Mr. Cannon, of Illinois, will, it is thought, succeed Mr. Hiseock. It is believed the committee on rules will be ready to report back to the House by Thursday, and that the debate upon the report may occupy the remainder of the week, as the question is in all its bearings, one of the most far-reaching that will come before the House. If wisdom is shown in the formation of the rules, much may be done than will be possible when the law is in the work is displayed. The proposition to compel the committee on appropriations to report all of its bills within sixty days after the committee is announced meets the approval of the great majority of the House, but will be fought by members of the committee as long as possible, as the latitude as well as the power of the committee in controlling legislation has heretofore been almost unlimited.

The speaker is not expected to announce the full list of standing committees before Tuesday or Wednesday of next week, if at all before the holidays. The holiday adjournment will probably be taken about Wednesday or Thursday of next week, December 21 or 22, and if the committee are to be announced before the holidays they may be made known in time for a call of the States and Territories for the introduction of bills. This work will take more than a day. In the Senate the standing committees are to be announced to-day and time and opportunity given for the introduction of bills. There will be several secret sessions this week for the reference of nominations to committees. It is not believed that action will be taken upon the nominations of Messrs. Lamar, Dickson, and Vilas this week. As a matter of fact, the committee on privileges and elections will work upon the Lucy Walker contested election case from West Virginia, and there are those who believe that a report will be made by the middle of the week, and that sometime will be taken up in discussing it. The real work in Congress will begin early in January when it reconvenes after the holiday recess.

Plenty of Material to Select From.—WASHINGTON, Dec. 12.—Speaker Carlisle has spent a great deal of time in his room at the Capitol, each day since Congress met in order to afford members an opportunity to be in the know of the preferences with regard to committee assignments. The Post yesterday speaking of the Speaker's efforts in this direction, says: "From the preferences expressed, it appears that if he inquired two hundred members for the committee on commerce and manufactures he would have no difficulty in finding them all. The New York delegation has asked that Mr. Belmont be retained as chairman of the committee on foreign affairs and that Mr. Bliss be made chairman of the committee on Pacific railroads. For Mr. C. they have made no specific request merely asking that he be given whatever he wants."

The National Banking System—Proposed Changes.—WASHINGTON, Dec. 12.—Senator Teller, in a talk with a United Press representative on the various propositions looking toward a basis for National Bank circulation, said he would favor making the issuance of bank notes optional with the banks themselves and provide for the deposit of a certain sum of cash with the treasury, for which an ordinary certificate of deposit would be issued, allowing no interest but intended only to keep up the Federal connection with the bank, and thereby giving authority for Government supervision. A bond drawing no interest and running say fifty years, could be issued for \$200,000 security, but the deposit of cash would do as well, while the matter of circulation was not a necessity of a currency, neither was it a necessity of a fit. He said: "If there even was any necessity for bank notes it had to be met. We have the best banking system in the world but it was not made good by the system of circulation. Government supervision and Federal law generally are what we want, a certificate would be issued by the treasury, and no bank circulation would issue. If bonds are loaned, the limit might be raised at the option of the bank and circulation issued in proportion. I do not think banks should be confined to the deposit of bonds to secure circulation, even if the minimum is reduced, and I do not think they ought to be required to take out circulating notes, since the cash and gold can be so much easier obtained."

Representative Adams, of Chicago, will introduce a bill in the House which provides that National banks hereafter organized shall not be required to deposit with the Treasury bonds in excess of ten thousand dollars in par value as security for their circulating notes, but shall deposit not less than the amount of bonds mentioned, and that the amount of such circulating notes shall not in any case exceed ninety per cent of the par value of the bonds deposited. That any National bank now or hereafter organized may reduce the amount of bonds on deposit as security for its circulating notes to any amount not less than ten thousand dollars by reducing its circulation by the deposit of lawful money in the manner and subject to the conditions and restrictions now provided by law. Provided, that no bank having a capital of more than one hundred and fifty thousand dollars shall reduce the amount of bonds on deposit as security for its circulation of notes to an amount less than fifty thousand dollars by withdrawing in any one year bonds in excess of ten thousand dollars of par value, and no bank having a capital of one hundred and fifty thousand dollars or less shall reduce the amount of bonds on deposit as security for its circulating notes to an amount less than one-fourth of its capital stock by withdrawing in any one year bonds in excess of five thousand dollars.

The First Cremation in Michigan.—DETROIT, Dec. 12.—The first cremation in Michigan occurred Saturday in a crematory erected by a stock company, Dr. Hugo Ericson being the promoter of the enterprise. The body cremated was that of Mrs. Barbara Schow, of Millesburg, O., whose dying wish was that her body might be reduced to ashes. The remains were covered with a cloth saturated in alum water and thrust into the retort. By passing the eye to the mica covered hole, the interior of the retort was visible and gradually the alum cloth became depressed as the body underwent the process of incineration. By another eye hole in the rear of the furnace, the fuel door the fireman was able to see the gas which emanated from the burning remains. When these fires had ceased to burn, it was known that the incineration was complete. Then the caps of the eye holes in the retort door were unscrewed, and the cold air rushing in struck the cloth, which disappeared into impalpable dust, and was carried away in the draught. The ashes were gathered up yesterday and deposited in an urn, to be given to friends of the deceased.

Tally-Sheet Forgery Indicted.—COLUMBUS, O., Dec. 12.—The special grand jury impeached to investigate the Columbus tally sheet forgery of 1887, reported last evening. The sheriff refused to announce the names of those against whom indictments are returned until they could be arrested, but it is understood they are Allen Myers and Thomas Cogan, members of the Legislature; J. C. Blackburn, a lawyer of Cincinnati; Fred Steube, a night watchman at the vault where the returns were kept; R. B. Montgomery, ex-State's attorney, and his brother, C. B. Montgomery. Steube was arrested and gave bonds. All the parties are Democrats.

Hanged as a Voodoo.—MINNEN, Ia., Dec. 12.—The body of Andrew Edwards, an old negro, seventy years of age was discovered a day or two ago suspended from a limb of a tree a few miles from this place. The matter has been thoroughly investigated and all information warrants the assertion that the old man was lynched by men of his own color and without the slightest excuse other than superstition. The old man was considered a voodoo and upon this flimsy pretext he was lynched. Three or more young negro men are suspected. The old man was universally esteemed by all the white people, and his death by violence will be avenged if possible.

A Saloon Keeper Murdered by Tampons.—STURGEONVILLE, O., Dec. 12.—Michael McGinniss, an old resident of this city was murdered Saturday night at eight o'clock. Two tampons had been drinking in McGinniss' saloon and becoming disorderly, young Mike McGinniss put them out. Shortly after this the elder McGinniss went out on the railroad track near where the saloon is located, and while in a dark place a man stepped out and dealt him a blow on the head with a coupling pin, crushing his skull. McGinniss died in a short time after he was hurt. The tampons, giving the names as Anderson and Taylor, were arrested for the crime.

Dr. Berry Declines the Call of Plymouth Church.—BROOKLYN, Dec. 12.—Rev. Lyman Abbott preached in Plymouth Church yesterday morning, and at the close of the service read the following cablegram from Rev. Dr. Berry, of Wolverhampton, England, declining the call to become Mr. Fowler's successor at "Christ Church." Dr. Berry greets Plymouth, appreciates its confidence, reciprocates its affection, prays for its prosperity, but can not accept pastorate honors claims inexorable; duty here commands letter mailed, God bless and guide you. The decision of Dr. Berry caused great disappointment.

Declared a Common Nuisance.—TOPEKA, Kas., Dec. 12.—Judge Brewer, of the United Circuit Court, Saturday issued a decree declaring the Waltruff brewery at Lawrence, Kas., a common nuisance and directing the United States marshal to shut it up and abate the same. The decree also perpetually enjoins the brewery from manufacturing or selling any intoxicating liquors. This is the first brewery that has been declared a nuisance under the Prohibition law of Kansas, and the decree is in accordance with the late decision of the United States Supreme Court on the prohibition question.

Leprosy in Wichita.—WICHITA, Kan., Dec. 12.—Miss Warff, a Swedish woman living in Rosali, a few miles east of this city is suffering from leprosy. Strange as it may seem, the woman has been suffering from the disease for three years, and it is feared that the family has been inoculated, but only during the past few days was the disease discovered to be leprosy by the attending physicians. The Warff family came to America four years ago from Sweden. While in the old country the woman's parents subsisted principally on fish, and she attributes her ailments to this diet. The case is attracting attention among physicians.

Boycotted the Beer—R-Admitted.—NEW YORK, Dec. 12.—The Central Labor Union yesterday adopted a resolution boycotting Milwaukee beer. This action is in support of the striking Milwaukee beer brewers.

The Musical Protective Union, which was expelled for allowing its members to play in the Union Square Theater, where union carpenters are employed, was admitted.

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Holidays on the Wabash.—Tickets will be sold for the holidays by the Wabash Railway at one fare for the round trip between all stations and will be on sale December 24, 25, 26, 31, and January 1st and 2d, good going only on date of sale and good to return up to and including January 3d, 1888.

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FOREIGN NEWS.

England Will Support the Triple Alliance With a Demonstration of Force.

Lord Mayor Sullivan's Paper Stopped by the Authorities of the Tullamore Jail—A Comparison.

The Attempted Assassination of M. Ferry—The Condition of the Wounded Statesman—The Assassin.

England.

DISTINGUISHED ARRIVALS.
LONDON, Dec. 12.—Archbishop Ryan, of Philadelphia, and Bishop Ryan, of Buffalo, arrived at Queenstown on board the Servia yesterday, en route to Rome to pay their respects to Pope Leo XIII. on the occasion of His Holiness' jubilee. Among the other passengers arriving at Queenstown yesterday was Charles Johnson, who is to act as Kilrain's American second in his fight with Smith.

A VIOLENT HURRICANE.

LONDON, Dec. 12.—Information was received last night that a violent hurricane recently swept the Orkney Islands, and that twenty persons were drowned through the destruction of small vessels cruising in the vicinity.

WILL SUPPORT THE TRIPLE ALLIANCE.
LONDON, Dec. 12.—It is asserted that Lord Salisbury will support the triple alliance, even to the extent of a demonstration of force on the part of England, though it is understood that he does not agree to extend his support to the point of actual warfare.

DECLINED THE CALL.

LONDON, Dec. 12.—It was announced from the pulpit of Queen Street Chapel, York, yesterday, that Rev. Mr. Berry had declined the call extended to him by Plymouth Church, Brooklyn.

ALL QUIET.

LONDON, Dec. 12.—Trafalgar Square and the various parks were perfectly quiet to-day, and all apprehension of further trouble between the police and the unemployed has disappeared for the present at least.

Ireland.

STOPPED HIS PAPER.

LONDON, Dec. 12.—The authorities of Tullamore jail have prohibited the delivery to Lord Mayor Sullivan, of the National and the Weekly News, which papers have been sent to the prison for him, and their action is undoubtedly in pursuance of instructions from the Dublin executive. The aggravating character of Mr. Sullivan's deposition appears the more marked when it is remembered that both Edmund Yates and Mr. Stead were not only permitted to read their own and other papers during their terms of incarceration, but were also allowed to write whatever they pleased for publication in their respective journals.

France.

THE ASSASSIN AUBERTIN.

LONDON, Dec. 12.—From information received from Paris yesterday it appears that Aubertin, alias Perckheim, the assassin of Jules Ferry, has long borne the reputation of being a dissolute fellow whose innate depravity rendered him capable of almost any reprehensible act. He has lately lived with a young woman named Crugler, and it is learned that just previous to the attempt to kill M. Ferry he wrote to her stating his intention and advising her, in the event of his successful accomplishment of his murderous purpose, to leave France and take refuge with certain of her friends residing in England where he would join her. Aubertin maintained a dogged demeanor, refusing to answer questions and manifesting no desire to ask any. His assault upon M. Ferry has had the effect to completely open the breach between the Radicals and the Conservatives which was already painfully noticeable. The Conservatives are extremely bitter against the Radicals, and ascribe Saturday's scene in the lobby of the Chamber of Deputies to the daily exhibition of venom on the part of the *Internationale* and the *Cri du Peuple*, which has gradually inflamed the passions of the Reds until weak-minded and irresponsible persons have been transformed from harmless innocents into murderers. One thing is absolutely certain, and that is that the combination of Republican groups which elected M. Carnot to the presidency and for a few days promised to endure, at least until the new government should get a good start, is hopelessly disintegrated, and the chances are that more serious trouble than has yet occurred will ensue.

M. FERRY WARNED.

PARIS, Dec. 12.—An usher warned M. Ferry not to see Aubertin, not liking the man's appearance, but M. Ferry, who was conversing with friends, did not heed the warning. He was shot while reading a letter under seal. The card sent in to M. Ferry by Aubertin contained a favorable recommendation of Aubertin to M. Ferry's attention, and the name of Edouard Here Harve. M. Harve is very indignant at the use of his name. Aubertin is impetuous and has been endeavoring to borrow money with which to go to Versailles during the sitting of Congress intending to shoot M. Ferry if he were elected President. Aubertin lived in a garret in the Palais Royal with an elderly woman who had sunk her fortune in trying to carry out schemes of his. His father committed suicide owing to business troubles. He has been regarded as a dangerous lunatic by those who knew him.

M. FERRY'S CONDITION.

PARIS, Dec. 11.—M. Jules Ferry passed a feverish night, but was able to leave his bed this morning. During the day he received thousands of letters and cards from persons expressing sympathy, and a large number of Senators and Deputies of all parties called in person to pay their respects and inquire as to the wounded statesman's condition. At three o'clock Aubertin signed his hospital register. Aubertin was examined before the Judge d'Instructions to-day. He had lost none of his determination, and boldly declared that, although he was an anti-revolutionist, he was sorry his lack of skill had prevented the accomplishment of his purpose to kill Ferry. Others, however, would succeed in doing what he had failed to do.

AUBERTIN A CRANK.

PARIS, Dec. 12.—Aubertin displayed some talent as an author and likewise as an inventor, but his repeated failures to secure recognition in those pursuits by reason of his poverty have unbalanced his mind. When asked to reveal the names of his accomplices he promised to do so on Tuesday if in the meantime they should fail to carry out the work they set out to do—that of taking or attempting to take the lives of the members of the

Rouvier ministry. If, however, they are true to their oath, he will not betray them. M. Tirard, whom Carnot had asked to form a ministry, is a Senator of France.

NOT SO WELL—ANOTHER CABINET-MAKER'S FAILURE.

PARIS, Dec. 12.—At midnight the condition of M. Ferry was less favorable than it had been throughout the day and evening, owing in a great measure to the fatigue and excitement of the day incident to receiving a large number of callers, etc. His febrile symptoms have very much increased. M. Tirard has informed the President that he has abandoned the undertaking of forming a cabinet. It is believed that M. Flouquet will be summoned this morning.

FALLIERES FAILS.

PARIS, Dec. 12.—M. Fallieres has informed President Carnot that he finds it impossible to form a cabinet on the basis of concentration of the Republican groups, and therefore abandons the attempt. President Carnot has requested M. Tirard to undertake the task of constructing a ministry.

DEVELOPED OECYMOSSIS.

PARIS, Dec. 12.—The physician's bulletin announces that the wounds of M. Ferry have developed oecymosis, which is spreading in the regions of the heart and liver, and that rest is much needed.

A Remarkable Story.

ORLÉANS, Pa., Dec. 12.—Gideon Frye died at Big Rapids, Mich., Sunday night, December 4. The following morning George Frye, depot master here, received a telegram announcing his brother's death, but giving no further information. That afternoon he related to a *Derrick* reporter that he had written a letter to his brother Sunday night, and on finishing it found the clock had stopped. He started the clock by his watch, which indicated fifteen minutes of ten o'clock. As the clock started he distinctly heard the words come from it: "I'm gone, I'm gone." It was the voice of his brother Gideon, and Mr. Frye related the circumstances to his family. Yesterday he received a letter from Big Rapids giving an account of his brother's last moments, in which it stated that Gideon Frye died at fifteen minutes of ten o'clock Sunday night, December 4, and his last words were: "I'm gone, I'm gone."

Meeting of the Grand Lodge of Elks.

NEW YORK, Dec. 12.—The annual convention of the Grand Lodge of the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks was opened yesterday in the commodious room of the Masonic Temple. Three hundred and fifty delegates, representing lodges in each State in the Union, were present. William E. English, son of Hon. William H. English, Worthy Grand Ruler, read the annual message, which reviewed the year's work. Sixteen lodges had been formed. There were now sixty-nine lodges in the Union. The total membership is 6,500 in the United States. The subject of rotating their annual meetings from State to State was considered. The Grand Lodge is instituted under New York State laws, and a committee of lawyers will investigate and learn if the annual conventions may be held outside this State. Business will commence to-day.

Called and Reclaimed Her Babe.

NEW YORK, Dec. 12.—Late on Saturday night an infant three weeks old was found in a hallway in Eighteenth street. It was taken to police headquarters. Yesterday afternoon the mother of the child, twenty years old, came to headquarters and asked for her child. The foundling was hers. Betrayed and penniless, she had taken her child to the home of her betrayer, William George Mangold. He was not at home, but his parents were. The girl, whose name is Mathilde Heberting, told them her story of wrong. They refused to support her babe, which is the second child by their son, she alleges, and left the babe on the floor and left the house. The Mangolds put the infant out and it was found as stated. The police will act in the matter.

Arrest of a Murderer.

AUBURN, N. Y., Dec. 12.—Philip Stein, who is wanted in Erie, Pa., for the murder of William Jones, a restaurant keeper, was arrested here at ten yesterday morning. Stein showed fight, drawing a knife, but the officer covered him with a pistol, when Stein surrendered. He claims to be able to prove his innocence. He is held to await the action of the Erie authorities. Stein has served two terms in Auburn prison, and was discharged in August last after serving a term of eight years for sheep stealing.

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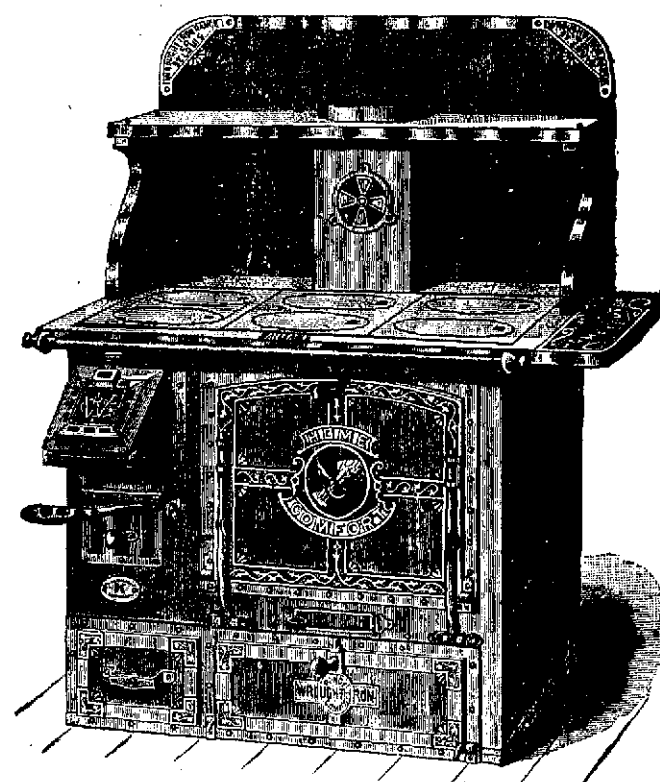
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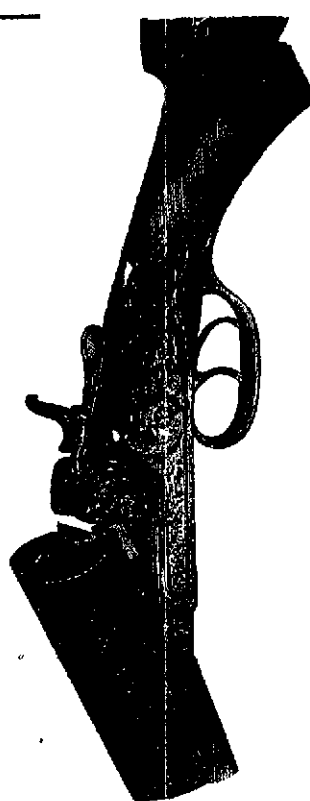
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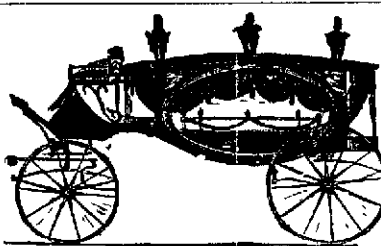


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Never frown and pout,
With a brave and steady look
Put the foe to rout.
Carry not to-morrow's load,
Little heart to day,
Trip with happy feet along
Life's uneven way;
"Grasp the nettle with both hands
And it shall not sting!"
Take this bit of wisdom, dear,
Into every thing
—Alice Rogers, in Harper's Young People.

A BRAVE GIRL

Her Wish That Something Might,
and What Did, Happen.

I first saw Rachel, as she came bounding over the stony brook, on a hill-side, one summer afternoon. She was so intent on some purpose that she nearly stumbled against me before being aware of my presence. Stopping suddenly, as she saw me, she would have retreated, but I spoke to her, asking her to sit by me.

"I won't do that," she said; "I know better. You will laugh at my old clothes. You grand folks don't like poor folks, I know."

She stood irresolute as she answered me. So I again asked her to sit down, making room on the knoll by my side.

"What is your name, my little girl?" I asked.

"Rachel Brown, but they call me Ray."

"Well, Rachel, why do you come out here all alone?"

"What do you come out here for?" she asked, bluntly.

"The woods are full of flowers and birds, and this little brook sings musically as it dashes on over rocks, and plunges down into the ravine, on its way to the ocean. I like to come here and sit under these grand old trees, and enjoy it all," I said, watching the effect of my words upon her.

"Well, I didn't come here for that sort of things," she said, a little abashed. "I came to see the train come home with the school excursion. I wish something would happen, I do!"

"Why, Rachel, do you know what your wish means?"

"Well, I wish something would happen to me, then, for I don't have any pleasure. At home, old Mrs. Brown scolds me, and sometimes beats and starves me, too, and at school they pick on me and call me names. I do wish something would happen!"

"Isn't Mrs. Brown your mother?"

"No, she ain't. She took me, she says, when my mother died, and my father went abroad, and she says she don't know where he is. So she makes me work to earn my livin', and I don't know what I want to live for, I'm sure!"

"Will you tell me your father's name, Rachel, and perhaps I can find out where he is."

Ray looked up with a gleam of hungry hope in her deep blue eyes, that betrayed an imprisoned spirit yearning for release. I resolved to do my best for her, and save her from the wretched life with Mrs. Brown.

"I don't know what his name is," she went on. "I think it is Jim Adams. If I should ask her she wouldn't tell me. But she calls him Jim, and I know my name is Adams, 'cause I've books that have my own name, Rachel Adams, in 'em, and I had 'em 'fore my mother died, and that's all I know."

"Well, Rachel, keep on going to school, and do the best you can at home for Mrs. Brown, and I'll see what can be done for you."

"That's just what I shan't do, miss. I've made up my mind this morning not to go to school, but I do want to learn dreadful."

This was said with a great sob that the girl was evidently ashamed of, for she burst into an immoderate laugh, while real tears were on her eyelashes. She was about to spring away, but I retained her.

"Why do you resolve to leave school, Rachel?"

"'Cause se they treat me worse than Miss Brown; for they hain't no right to call me names, and tell lies about me to cover their own doings. They put mice in the mistress' bonnet and burdocks on her shawl, or nettles in her gloves, and then they make believe that I did it," and Ray actually looked the scorn she felt. I could see she had a mind far above her surroundings, but I hardly knew what to say to her. She began again to give reasons for leaving school: "They've all gone to a picnic to-day, and not one on 'em asked me to go, teacher nor nobody. I heard one on 'em say: 'I suppose that scare-crow thinks she is going,' and I come now to see 'em come back. It ain't their school more than mine, and they didn't buy their clothes more than I did mine. It's only they have fathers and I hain't."

Her face glowed with passion. We sat in silence a short time, when suddenly Rachel gave a cry, and sprang up. I heard the sound also, and looking up the hill, we saw a mass of rocks, shrubs, earth and twisted roots, crashing on, on; then with a reverberating echo, it fell over a cliff and was out of our sight.

We both started to see where it fell; but the little friendless wail was out of sight before I reached the spot. I gazed horror-struck, for at the foot of the hill lay a railway track, like a

thread, nearly filling the space between the brook and precipice over which the debris had fallen. The train was now due. Indeed, at this moment I could hear its shrill whistle far away, at a crossing, advancing with its precious freight to swift destruction. I stood paralyzed. But Rachel was running like a deer, with a cry that echoed among the hills, as if fierce spirits were calling to each other.

On she went, until the engine-driver saw her and began to slacken the speed by reversed engine and "brakes down." Still it seemed to me that she was rushing into the jaws of death.

When she saw the signal of success, she turned and ran back, but in her bewilderment kept on the track.

At length the train stopped only a few feet from the girl.

As the people crowded from the train, and learned their escape from a fearful fate, they were eager to know who had saved them. But the school-girls saw Rachel and knew at once that in her daring way she had risked her life to save the train.

They were ashamed and silent as they passed by her.

A purse was made up for her by the passengers, but she darted away, refusing the gift with characteristic scorn.

Those who attempted to thank her, saw her puther fingers in her ears, and when at length she fell down from exhaustion, she obstinately refused assistance.

"I hope they'll stop calling me names," she confided to me, as I waited by her till she could go home.

From that day she was treated kindly in school. Under the influence of love, she developed into a modest, docile girl—bright and original.

I had been unable to learn enough of her history to do any thing for her. And when I left the village in the autumn, I regretfully left Rachel, for I had become interested in her.

Two years later, I was again in the village, and learned that Mrs. Brown had died a year before, that on her death-bed she had given Rachel a package of letters that had been received from Mr. Adams, Rachel's father, and that he was living in Australia, had been fortunate, and was looking forward to the time when he should have his daughter with him.

He had no idea of the ill-treatment she had received, and had been sending money to Mrs. Brown for his daughter's support.

I soon found Rachel, and learned the story from her.

Something of the old look came into her refined face as she recounted the indignities she had suffered at Mrs. Brown's hands.

But it was chased away by a look of pity, as she told me of the painful death of the wretched woman.

And now my story must come to an end, for I only know that Rachel went to her father that summer, and one grateful letter came back to me, informing me that she had found a home, and a kind, loving father.

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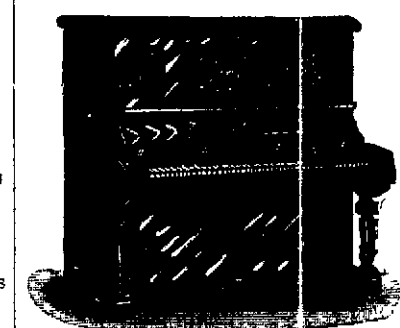
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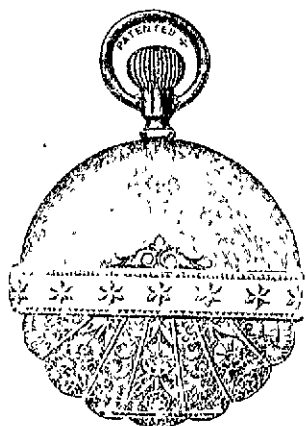
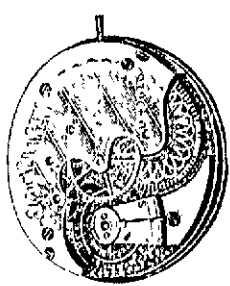
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FIRM RESOLUTION.

No! I will never see him more,
Since thus he likes to roam;
And when his cab stops at the door
John, say, "I'm not at home!"
He smiled last night when Julia smiled.
They must have met before;
If thus by her he is beguiled,
I'll never see him more!

I'll sing no more the songs he loved
Nor play the waltzes he adored;
Nor wear the colors he approved—
I'll never please him more!
I'll conquer soon love's foolish flame,
As thousands have before,
Look strange whene'er I hear his name
And no er pronounce it more.

The plot of hair I must resign,
That next my heart I wore,
He, too, must yield that tress of mine,
He stole when truth he swore!
The miniature I used to trace,
And feel romantic o'er,
I'll tear from its morose case,
And never kiss it more!

This ring—his gift—I must return,
(It makes my finger sore);
Then there's his letters, those I'll burn
And trample on the floor!
His sonnet, that my album graced,
(My tears thus blot it o'er),
Two leaves together there I'll paste,
And ne'er behold it more!

I'll wait and flirt with Ensign G—
(Though voted off a bore);
In short, I'll show my heart is free,
And sigh for him no more!
If we should meet, his eye shall shrink
My scornful glance before,
Ye gods—his knock—
Here, John, I think
I'll see him just once more!

—Boston Globe

THE REPORTER.

What Happened at a Fashionable Reception.

Ten o'clock on a Tuesday morning, and one of the busiest days in the week in the office of the *Weekly Record*, a journal dealing largely with society's doings and sayings, as well as with all the literary, musical and dramatic happenings of the day. The editor and his assistants were up to their ears in work, but the chief had but just arrived, and with a pleasant word of greeting had passed on to his private sanctum. An elegant and distinguished man, this Ernest Warren, the proprietor, general director and main-spring of the flourishing weekly which his father had left to him as a part of his inheritance; and, moreover, had supplemented it by a very pretty fortune, which at once lifted this dear, only son from the ranks of struggling journalists, and made of him, had he so chosen, a gentleman of elegant leisure. But this was contrary to all Ernest's inclinations. At no time was he disposed to a life of mere idle luxury; and though he had the *entree* into the best society of the city, and was by no means averse to enjoying the same, he had never, in the five years since his father's death, neglected the interests of the *Record*, nor withdrawn himself from the general supervision of all its details. See him now, as he stands at his desk, running over the morning's correspondence. A man not much under forty; tall and strongly built, with steady gray eyes, dark hair and mustache, and a general air of vigor and determination about him which at once inspires confidence in the beholder, and makes women and children feel that in him would be found a very serviceable protector, should occasion arise.

On this busy morning the letters did not seem to require much consideration, and when the last one had been assigned to the waste-basket, Mr. Warren stepped to the outer office, and inquired:

"Hans, has Miss Ogden been in this morning?"

"Not yet, sir."

"Very well. Ask her to speak with me as soon as she comes."

Ten minutes later, and a brisk, business-like young woman presented herself at his door.

"Ah, Miss Ogden, good-morning. I was just inquiring for you. I suppose you have your day's programme pretty well laid out; but I want you to take in some evening work. Mrs. Rossiter gives a reception to-night, and requests that a representative of the *Record* be present, if possible, a lady, in order that the costumes may be correctly described. For, as she politely remarks, 'Men generally make a botch of those matters unless they have some woman to coach them.' Now, can you be there in the ladies' dressing-room, say about ten o'clock, and remain as long as there are any arrivals to take notes of?"

Miss Ogden hesitated. This was something she hadn't bargained for. To sit up till all hours of the night reading and criticising new books; to run around to the shops for fashion items and novelties; to assist at all the "opening days"; attend matinees, and even to interview an actress occasionally—why, all these came into the day's work. But this that Mr. Warren was proposing would be a new departure to her, and rather galling to that pride of which, although a sensible young woman, she had a fair amount. And so the prompt and cheerful acquiescence which was her usual answer to her employer halted on her lips.

"Well," said he, kindly, "do you mind it so very much? Why, then, I must send one of the boys, I suppose."

Now there were several reasons why Sara Ogden felt very kindly toward Ernest Warren, and was more than willing to study his wishes. In the first place, he pleased her fancy, with his manly bearing and his unvarying deference and cordiality; secondly, he seemed to give her credit for possessing as good reasoning powers and clear judgment as though she were a man, and many a time in that snug little office they had held long and interesting discussions on the topics of the day, which had sent her home to her

lonely room with a pleasant sense of mental cheer and refreshment; and lastly, he had won her gratitude by desiring Editor Hanly to give her a trial when she presented herself as an applicant for work some months before this busy morning. It was an innovation—this employing of a woman for regular daily work; and without the chief's good word she knew she never could have got a foothold in the office of the *Record*, nor a chance to show what she was capable of. Thinking of all this, and meeting the look of appeal in those grave, handsome eyes, she could not answer him with a refusal. A word or two signified her acquiescence in the proposed arrangements, and won for her a beaming smile and a hearty "Thank you, very much, Miss Ogden! I am sure we shall now get a reliable account of the different toilets."

"She doesn't like it, that's plain," mused Warren. "But she'll do it. A plucky, determined girl, that is—and a pretty one. She ought to be going as an invited guest, and not merely as a newspaper reporter. She could hold her own with most of the society belles in face, figure and manners; and as for brains, why, she's away ahead there. I know I'd rather be up in the dressing-room talking to her to-night than down in the ball-room waltzing with the prettiest 'bud' of the season."

Punctually at ten o'clock that evening Sara entered the dressing-room at Mrs. Rossiter's. As she ascended the stairs she had glimpses of the drawing-room and picture-gallery, which to-night was devoted to the dancers. Both were brilliant with lights and fragrant with flowers, but as yet were untenanted. A brief interview was accorded her, as representative of the *Record*, by the hostess and her daughter, who were desirous of seeing their own elaborate Parisian costumes fully described; and then she was permitted to ensconce herself in a snug corner at the side of the large mirror, where she could pass in review each toilet, while the fair weaver thereof took a last fond glance at her own charms before submitting them to general criticism.

Sara had made no attempt at evening dress; but she could not help being a very pleasant object as she sat there in her well-made, dark-blue camel's hair and velvet Sunday gown, lighted up by a bunch of carnations; her dark, glossy hair piled up in a soft, wavy mass, and her flushed cheeks giving new brilliancy to the clear, wide-awake eyes, which looked as though no details could escape their notice.

Presently the room began to fill up, and the great mirror reflected one radiant vision after another; and Sara's hands and eyes were so busy taking notes that she lost all self-consciousness, and was oblivious of the curious glances now and then cast in her direction. One group gave place to another, and there was no time to study faces; the general effect and material of a costume was all she could grasp—the wearer was but an animated lay-figure to the busy reporter in the corner.

But after awhile there was a lull in the arrivals, and the latest comers, a group of pretty, stylish girls, who seemed to be all on intimate terms, lingered and chatted together, and seemed to be in no haste to descend. Sara had given to each her line of description, and was leaning back with folded arms for a moment's rest, when she was startled by the vision of a satin slipper raised to the level of her knee, while a quick, imperious voice exclaimed:

"There, just button that strap, will you?"

Pushing back her chair, Sara arose and looked the young lady full in the eyes for a moment; then, turning to the maid, she said: "Marie, your services are required here," and herself crossed the room to a seat by the window.

There was a brief silence, and then the same imperious voice reached her ears:

"Well, did any one ever see such airs? Who is she, and what's she here for?" The French maid probably made answer here, for the next voice went on: "Oh, newspaper reporter, is it? If that's all, she needn't have felt aggrieved at being taken for a maid, I'm sure," and a scornful laugh rounded the sentence. A few titters followed from other members of the group, and Sara's eyes flashed with indignation, while her cheeks outthrew her emotions.

Then a clear young voice spoke up: "For shame, girls! she looks like a lady, and you can't suppose she likes being here. Don't make her position any harder by snubbing her."

Sara looked gratefully at the speaker and saw that she was the youngest and prettiest of the group—a lovely blonde, whose charming attire had already won her admiration, though the sweet face above it had not been noticed before. Evidently, too, she was of social importance, for her companions seemed to be impressed by her words, and the greatest offender had the grace to look ashamed of herself, while the others broke into chorus: "You're right, Jessie!" and under cover of these exclamations they floated off, and Sara was at liberty to go back to her corner and wait for the next arrivals. They weren't long in coming, and again it happened to be a group of acquaintances, full of chatter and laughter. Their words passed unheeded until the sound of a certain well-known name drew Sara's attention.

"Yes," said one lady. "I saw them as I came upstairs—Jessie and Mr. Warren." "Oh! I heard he was to be here with his fiancée." And a third speaker chimed in with: "Well, you'll see she's the loveliest girl in the room—a perfect blonde—with the sweetest expression, and so amiable, I hear."

There was more gossip, and other names were mentioned, but the girl in the corner gave no heed to it. So her employer was a guest in this house, and the charming girl who had just tried to befriend herself was his fiancée. Well, she was lovely and amiable, no doubt; and if she seemed rather young for the grave and dignified chief, why, men liked those bright young girls, who hadn't a care in life except to make the most of their prettiness. And anyway, it was no concern of hers.

The hour was growing late now, there were no fresh arrivals, and Miss Ogden was just about seeking her wraps, to go home, when the same pretty girl, with two or three others, entered the room to brighten up their plumage before taking flight to some other reception; and, rather than draw attention to herself, Sara drew back into her corner and watched with some amusement the fluttering and prinking in front of the long mirror, until a suddenly remembered bit of gossip drew all the pretty heads into a bunch, and distracted their attention momentarily from their own attractions.

The one called Jessie, with her back to the mirror, faced the others, her lace-trimmed robe sweeping out behind her close up to the glass, when suddenly—no one knew how it happened—there was a scream from one of her gay companions, a quick drawing away from her, and she was left alone, a stony figure, with pale, set face, whose horror-stricken eyes glared over her shoulders at the little creeping flames gliding up among her laces, starting from the wax candle which had toppled over from the mirror-bracket. Before the terrified girl could find her voice Sara had sprung forward and seized a fur-lined cloak, which she wrapped tightly around the burning lace, and then Jessie was conscious of a resolute voice bidding her: "Quick, now! Lie down flat on the floor! Don't struggle, child!" and the next moment she was buried beneath a heavy Turkish rug. A few moments later, and the danger was all over; her costly laces were crumbling rags, and the rich satin was scorched and blackened; a Worth masterpiece was utterly ruined, but the delicate white body it inclosed had not felt even a breath of flame. The kindly, careless words uttered an hour before had borne precious fruit for her; but before she could recover from her fright enough to speak her thanks, Sara had quietly got herself out of the excited group and was speeding home to her boarding place. But she had not been quick enough to avoid Mr. Warren's entrance, or to escape his agitated words: "Jessie, my darling, are you hurt?" and all night her dreams were haunted by a tall, manly figure, with a beautiful, golden-haired girl in his arms.

Next morning, just as she had summoned up energy enough to think of getting off to the office, she was told that some one wished to see her in the parlor; and, going down, she was confronted by Mr. Warren, who caught both her hands in an earnest clasp, as he said:

"Miss Ogden, how can I ever thank you for last night's work? And why did you run away before we could speak to you? Jessie would have come with me this morning, but she is not fit to be out. She sends you this note and some roses," pointing to a basket on the table. "And my mother begs that you will let me bring you back to lunch. She is longing to make your acquaintance, but she can not leave Jessie. Will you come?"

"But—you overwhelm me. I don't want to go and be thanked. Any one else would have done as much as I did."

"Did any one else do as much? No. You mustn't be ungracious, and refuse our acknowledgments. But for you, she might be lying dead now—my dear little sister!"

"Your sister, Mr. Warren? Why, I thought you—"

A confused pause here. "Certainly, my sister. At least, I always called her so, though her mother was my father's second wife. Why, who did you suppose she was, Sara?"

"Oh, I heard some gossip there last night about your being present with your fiancée, and so!"

"You jumped to a conclusion. I have no fiancée, but lately I have begun to hope that I may find one some day—that is, since I have been learning what a sweet, brave spirit looks out from these clear eyes. But now that you've turned out a real heroine, I am afraid I'm too commonplace and uninteresting a mortal to mate with you. What do you think, dear? Could you ever care for me?"

Miss Ogden evidently felt very little doubt on that subject, and must have signified as much, for that very afternoon she was being petted and made much of by her lover's family. The next time she stood in the dressing room of Mrs. Rossiter's elegant mansion, the once insignificant newsgatherer and reporter of fashionable toilets was quite unrecognizable under the bridal satin and pearls of Mrs. Warren. And some one else chronicled her costume for the readers of the *Record*.—*Elton Corbet, in Leslie's Weekly.*

—Pierre Lorillard has a great fancy for guns. A New York reporter found twenty-seven cases of them belonging to him in a New York storage warehouse. The worth of his stock of weapons is estimated at \$20,000.

—"Is there any such thing as justice in this country?" asked a man who had been in court a great deal. "Yes, sir." "Where will I find it?" "Look in the dictionary."—*Merchant Traveler.*

OLD SANTA IN JAPAN.

How Old Santa Claus was Received by the Emperor and Empress of Japan—A Throne of Beauty—A Magnificent Display.

As our reporter wandered through the mammoth shoe establishment of J. H. Black & Son he was electrified at the grand preparations for the holidays that this firm has made. They spare no expense nor pains to please the public, and this year have fairly outdone themselves in decorating in honor of the great representation of

OLD SANTA'S RECEPTION IN JAPAN.

On entering the store the eye catches the sparkle of the gorgeous throne. It is represented as cut in rock, which is bronzed in different colors and covered with diamond dust and metallic bronzes. On the front of the throne is the Emperor's Christmas greeting to old Santa Claus (the Japanese language) a Merry Christmas. On the raised platform sits the Emperor in all his Japanese dignity, dressed in an elegant costume of black satin, heavily embroidered in gold in the form of birds, etc. He wears a full jeweled crown and the original Japanese sandals. By his side sits his wife, the Empress of Japan, attired in a beautiful robe of red satin, heavily embroidered in gold in the same manner as that of the Emperor. She wears a veil (a Japanese custom) and also Jap. sandals. These costumes were imported direct from Japan by the great Neo Ban costumers of Chicago, and rented by J. H. Black & Son for the occasion.

At the side of the emperor is his friend Santa in the act of shaking hands with him. Old Santa is dressed in a fur suit and is wearing the Polar felt boots, of which J. H. Black & Son are the agents. With his fur cap and long white hair and beard, he represents the ideal old Santa, with his happy smiles and merry kind words for all. Hanging over the throne can be seen the kind greeting of the firm, "A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year," surrounded by Japanese lanterns, fans, parasols, flags, etc. In the front of the establishment is seen a bargain counter, on which is displayed rare bargains in shoes. To the left can be seen another counter, showing the firm's immense stock of ladies' and gents' Christmas slippers. All styles and all prices on the right can be seen, surrounded by hundreds of pairs of rubber goods. The banner which the firm has and will continue to sail under: "We are the leaders of the shoe trade, J. H. Black & Son." But it is needless to write more, the people of Macon county and surrounding towns have long ago learned that J. H. Black & Son are the largest and most practical shoe dealers in central Illinois. We welcome all to our Christmas display. Immense bargains will be given during the holidays.

Try Silver Spray Flour,

Made by Scott & Holderman, of Bethany, Ill. This flour contains all the higher qualities of the wheat, thereby making a whiter and more nutritious bread than is made of flour manufactured in the usual way where several grades are made, one at the expense of the other. For sale by D. H. Heilman & Son, Lehman & Bolen, Moore Bros. and J. Lytle & Co. n15-dlm

EX-SENATOR HENRY G. DAVIS, of West Virginia, is worth \$30,000,000.

Renews Her Youth.

Mrs. Phoebe Cheeley, Peterson, Clay co., Iowa, tells the following remarkable story, the truth of which is vouched for by the residents of the town: "I am 73 years old, have been troubled with kidney complaint and lameness for many years; could not dress myself without help. Now I am relieved from all pain and soreness, and am enabled to do all my own housework. I owe my thanks to Electric Bitters for having renewed my youth, and removed completely all disease and pain. Try a bottle, only 50c, at John A. Swearingen's Drug Store. n4

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SENATOR-ELECT REAGAN, of Texas, who is now in Washington, is in poor health.

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LOCAL NEWS.

CHARLES DICKENS December 19.

The county board will meet to-mor-
row."SKIPPED," the jolliest play of the age,
is coming. Look out for it.BOB BURDETTE will lecture at Cham-
paign on January 7th.MEETING of the Sons of Veterans this
evening at 7:30 o'clock.The advance sale of reserved seats for
Fanny Davenport in "Fedora," will be-
gin to-morrow morning at 8 o'clock.No mud in the streets to-day. All
frozen over since the cold wave came.
Feels like snow.The best of canned fruits on sale at
Niedermeyer's popular grocery store.There ought to be a complete dupli-
cate for the Chemical engine.Give Hatfield & Co.'s White Foam
flour a trial. It never fails to give satis-
faction.DECATUR has about six ball players
signed for the coming season.Ask your grocer for Shellabarger &
Co.'s White Loaf flour.MISSIONARY society meeting to-morrow
evening at the home of Mrs. Silas Pack-
ard on College Hill.The weather is a little rough for holi-
day trade, but business will begin to boom
this week.SOCIABLE at the Y. M. C. A. rooms
Tuesday night.Anything you want in the family gro-
cery line can be had at Knode & Osborn's
store, 121 North Water street.

Some snow fell Sunday morning.

See the South Water street grocers,
Hanks & Patterson, for the best of table
supplies. Prompt delivery.The condition of Edwin Philbrook is
critical. There are fears that he will not
recover from the paralytic stroke."SKIPPED by the Light of the Moon"
will be seen here again next Friday even-
ing.MARCO will lose three leading citizens,
M. Friedman & Son, E. Friedman, and
Wm. Moser, will go to Staunton to open
a bank.The Moore Bros. in opera block make
a specialty of California fruits and fresh
country butter.LINCOLN will make another effort to
find natural gas. They have gone
through Trenton rock and failed to get
it.The ladies of the Macedonia Baptist
church, on South Broadway, are pre-
paring to give a sociable next Thursday
evening, Dec. 15, for the benefit of the
church. 8-12dThe force of photographers at Piper's
is larger than ever so that work can be
finished much nearer to Christmas than
heretofore. Come while the weather is
bad so as to give a chance to finish when
the sun shines. 10d-12wDon't fail to read the list of The Art
Books, and lists of standard authors in J.
H. Bevans' standing advt. dec7-d1fCHARLES DICKENS will read David
Copperfield and Bob Sawyer's party at
the opera house December 19. Prices—
50c, 75c and \$1.00. Reserved seats at
Prescott's music house December 19.
12-14dThe only stock in this city of large,
genuine etchings in "Remarque" and
"Artistic" proof copies, is now open for
inspection at J. H. Bevans' City Book
Store. 3d1fFURNITURE cheaper than ever. Bed-
room Sets, Parlor Sets, and everything
in the Furniture line, which I will close
out and quit the furniture business.
Come and see me if you need anything.
I know I can sell it to you. Don't miss
the place—259 East Main street; sign,
big red chair. FRED BORTZMAN.
dec2-d1mTUNE up the system and improve the
appetite by taking Ayer's Sarsaparilla.
It will make you feel like a new person.
Thousands have found health, and relief
from suffering, by the use of this great
blood purifier, when all other means
failed.Music! Music!
I have a fine collection of Christmas
music and small musical instruments of
all styles and prices, and the best pianos
and organs sold in Decatur. Don't buy
till you examine my stock.
n26-daw3w S. M. Lutz.
FINE Jersey Coats at A. F. Ross', 147
N. Water St. dec1-d1mLIGHT-weight Flannel Shirts, neatly
made, perfect fits, elegant shades, well
adapted for clerks, book-keepers and bu-
siness men generally, at B. Stine's.
dec1-d1m

Damage to the Chemical.

In the rush to the August bakery fire
Sunday forenoon the heavy chemical en-
gine met with a damaging accident on the
corner of North Morgan and Cerro
Gordo streets. The team turned south
at that corner, and had gone about 30
feet when the hind axle broke letting the
tanks down in the mud and rendering
the machine useless. It is now at Wayne
& Anderson's shop laid up for repairs. It
will remain there several days. A critical
examination of the broken axle, which is
made of iron, shows that there was a flaw
in that piece. It broke off squarely near
the hub. The machine is held by many
to be too heavy. A lighter one should
be procured.Just 24 years ago this month Mr. and
Mrs. Tom Thumb, Commodore Nutt and
Minnie Warren appeared in Powers' Hall,
giving three receptions. It was on Dec.
31st and that night a heavy snowstorm
set in, keeping the midges here the next
day, when they appeared again in the
hall before a large audience. Mrs. Tom
Thumb is to pay Decatur another visit
Wednesday, accompanied by her hus-
band, Count Magri, Prof. Davis ventri-
quist, and Prof. Becker. They give a re-
fined entertainment, appearing at the
opera house at 4 p. m. Wednesday for
two hours, and again at 8 o'clock. Prices,
10, 25 and 35 cents.

Sold at \$45.50 Per Acre.

Saturday afternoon John A. Brown
sold the I. B. Gring farm, four miles west
of Decatur, at Master's sale. The 171
acres sold at \$45.50 per acre, the farm
being purchased by William Gring. Part
of the land extends to the Sangamon
river.The alarm of fire Sunday morning was
caused by a blaze in the roof at Ed
August's bakery on North Morgan street,
doing damage not to exceed \$20. Fred
Storr owns the building and has it in-
sured in the Decatur Commonwealth for
\$3,000. The roof took fire from an over-
heated stove pipe that ran up through a
tile that was cracked.

Fannie Davenport.

Fannie Davenport is to present "Fedora"
at the opera house Tuesday night. It
is a great play, and will be put on with
more effect than ever before. The acces-
sories and the costumes are carefully
studied and well reproduced. Miss
Davenport also appears in an entirely
new wardrobe, as splendid and costly as
her role of "Russian Princess" demands.
Her rendition of the striking character of
"Fedora" is all the better for the fine
setting given to it at the opera house.
She rises to meet her environments and
reaches the highest standard of artistic
excellence she has ever attained. It is
one of the dramatic events par excellence
of the season.The costly violin from Berlin brought
over by Otto Soldan, was ordered by Mr.
K. Harwood for his daughter, Miss May
Harwood. It was not presented Mrs.
K. as incorrectly stated Saturday even-
ing. Miss May prizes the violin very
highly as it was selected with especial care
by the great artist, Mr. Soldan, at Mr.
K's expense.THOMAS ACOM has been appointed ad-
ministrator of the estate of the late Capt.
Joab Wilkinson, of Niantic; bond, \$1000.
Sureties with Mr. Acom, John W. Tyler
and George Jacobson.

T. T.

"Our beloved pastor" is again at the
front. A special to Sunday's *Globe-Democrat*,
from Anna, Ill., has the following,
which brings back memories of former
days, it is so very like what we have
heard before:Rev. T. T. Kendrick, late pastor of a
Methodist church in Brooklyn, N. Y., and
since a missionary of that denomination,
for Southern Illinois, has accepted a call
to the pastorate of the Congregational
church at Alto Pass, in the northern part
of this (Union) county. Half of his
time, however, will be taken up as the
assistant of Rev. R. W. Purdue, the mis-
sionary of the Congregational Church
Southern Illinois. 10d-12w

Y. M. C. A. Jottings.

Members' sociable to-morrow evening.
To-night—reading room open and free
to all young men. Gymnasium and par-
lors open to members who have tickets
and their invited friends.It is not the intention to make any
rules that any member will feel restrain-
ing. Our members are all requested to
bring their friends with them, and the
Association will gladly extend a cordial
welcome and give them free use of mem-
bers' privileges until they see and know
what the privileges are. None of our
members who have the welfare of the
Association at heart will bring up any
young man who wishes to sponge his way
through the Association. Spongers, wire-
walkers and rope-dancers are strictly for-
bidden the use of the gymnasium. 3d1fA cordial welcome to all young men in
the city to visit the rooms—parlors and
gymnasium—and especially those who
are invited or come with some member of
the Association.Members' tickets will admit the owner
and a friend to the social entertainment
to-morrow evening.No cake will be sent to members who
are absent unless they are sick.

GEN'L SEC'Y.

Coal! Coal!

Varieties of Hard and Soft Coal at E.
L. Martin's North Main Street Yard.
Telephone No. 433. Order by telephone
at Schuman's drug store, opposite post-
office. n30-d1fGOLD-HEADED SUE Umbrellas, the
finest in the market, at B. Stine's. d1f

The Decatur Churches.

Rev. T. W. Pinkerton, who was called
to Ghent, Ky., to attend the funeral of
his only brother, did not return in time
to occupy his pulpit on Sunday.

THE PERFECT MAN.

Jesus Christ, the perfect man, was the
subject of Rev. James Miller's discourse
at the First M. E. church Sunday night
in the presence of an attentive congrega-
tion which filled the audience room. The
conclusions in the discussion of Christ's
make-up, physically, intellectually, so-
cially, morally and religiously were beau-
tiful, touching and logical, presenting
sublime thoughts in a new light. Rev.
Miller exhorted all young men to strive
to be as near like Christ in all his attri-
butes as possible, though of course none
could be perfect. All could be perfect in
motive and intention. The essence of
religion is complete surrender to God
and love and charity for your neighbor.
At the conclusion of the sermon one
young woman united with the church on
probation. Next Sunday night Rev.
Miller will begin a new series of sermons
on "The Typical Women of the Bible."

THE REVIVAL SERVICE.

Rev. S. W. Potter, of Huron, Dakota,
preached the opening sermon of the
revival services at Stapp's Chapel yester-
day morning, to a large congregation.
The reverend gentleman based his words
on part of the 19th, 21st and 22d chapters
of Revelation, from which he deduced
the subject, "Home and Heaven." He
said God had placed the vision of heaven
in the Bible, where He would have it
come in every human life—at its close.
He then spoke graphically and feelingly
of heaven as the spacious and secure
home of the soul, and expressed his be-
lief that his chief joy would be in com-
munion with God and our loved ones;
and reminded his hearers that "heaven
is a prepared place for a prepared peo-
ple;" and "he that hath this hope puri-
fies himself even as He is pure." The
sermon made a profound impression.
The evening discourse was based on
"The walk to Emmaus," as given in the
24th chapter of Luke. Some practical
lessons were drawn from this account and
forcibly presented to the congregation.
An after service of song and consecration
was held; a large number of testimonies
were given, at the close of which Brother
Potter related his own experience, with
thrilling effect. The house was full, and
all remained to the close. Services every
night this week except Saturday, and at
2:30 p. m. each day.

DR. JERRELL AND MR. HYDE.

This was the theme of Rev. G. B. Vos-
burgh at the First Baptist church last
night, and furnished the reverend gentle-
man an opportunity to point with the
hand of a master a graphic picture of the
dual existence of man. The house was
packed to overflowing, many being turned
away for want of available seating capac-
ity. The shrunken form, the evil eye,
and the repulsive presence of the immor-
al part of man was strongly and forcibly
contrasted with the better nature, and
for more than an hour the vast audience
listened with bated breath to the glow-
ing sentences and the fluent, thoughtful,
impassioned address of the eloquent
preacher.

The Christmas Bazar.

Special attention is called to the bazar,
festival and Christmas Bazar, to be given
Friday, December 16, at the tabernacle
by the Ladies' New Church Aid Society
of the Presbyterian church. The fancy
articles, all especially designed for Christ-
mas, will be on sale on Friday afternoon
and evening. A public dinner will be
served beginning at 11:30 a. m. and sup-
per at 5 o'clock. Sociable and festival at
night. 12-15The "Boy Trump" company didn't
walk out of town. They went to Spring-
field this morning on the early train.
Saturday night the troupe had a fair
audience and gave the comedy-drama in
good style, Madame Neville and her
son sharing the honors. The heavy vil-
lain was well suited to the part. He was
so perfect in the role that it was difficult
for him to be other than a howler off the
stage.

Booming.

A. S. Crowder, who is with I. S. Kauf-
man & Co., at Spokane Falls, W. T.,
sends us a copy of the *Daily Chronicle*
of December 3d, which contains a col-
umn of real estate transfers in which
appears a \$1500 purchase by George R.
Dodson, bought of Mr. Kaufman. The
building boom for Spokane Falls out-
lined, involves an outlay of nearly \$710,-
000. Mr. Kaufman will put up a \$20,000
building. 3d1fThe Hercules white shirts are the best
and only one dollar. LIND & SCHWES.See the "Home Comfort" Ranges at
Morehouse, Wells & Co.'s. dawFive art books, in unique bindings,
in almost endless variety. An immense
lot of standard books in sets; at aston-
ishing low prices, at J. H. Bevans' City
Book Store. 3d1fThe Business Shop will make you low
figures on vehicle work. sp16-d1fQuail, Pheasant and Grouse at Krebs'.
d3-d1fFANCY waste baskets, and plain ones,
too, in all sizes at J. H. Bevans' City
Book Store. d1fTeachers' Bibles in all sizes and every
quality of binding. Family Bibles, and
small Bibles in all qualities, at the City
Book Store. 3d1f

Underwear

For Ladies and Children, a complete
assortment, at lowest prices. daw
LIND & SCHWES.

ILLINOIS FREIGHT RATES.

Gen. McNulta Refuses to Go Back
on His Early Determination.A story concerning the visit of Wabash
shippers to Gen. McNulta last Friday
has just come out. On the day that the
General received the friendly delegations
from Quincy, Decatur, Jacksonville, and
Springfield, he was waited on later by a
delegation of shippers from his own town
of Bloomington. There were some influ-
ential men in the latter party—men
whose aid would be valuable to Gen. Mc-
Nulta in his canvass for the gubernatorial
nomination. They protested against
the proposed reduction of Illinois freight
rates on the Wabash road which are to go
into effect Dec. 20. The lower rates, the
gentlemen said, would discriminate
against Bloomington in favor of Chicago
and towns on the Mississippi. Bloom-
ington has been able to get much eastern
freight at a better rate than Chicago, and
it desired to maintain the advantage as a
distributing point. It was an appeal
likely to have effect with Gen. McNulta
because of his candidacy for the Govern-
orship. A stronger pressure could not
have been brought to bear on him. But
he replied firmly to the gentlemen from
his own home: "Bloomington is not a
Wabash town. As receiver of the Wabash
railroad it is my duty to look to its in-
terests and to the interests of its towns
and its shippers. It is unjust to main-
tain a rate from Chicago to Illinois points
than is higher than the rate from Toledo
to those points. I will not maintain this
injustice, and intend to reduce the Illi-
nois rates to an agreement with the
through eastern rates." Gen. McNulta
said afterwards to some friends that he
expected his decision to hurt him politi-
cally in Bloomington, but he could not
do otherwise and he just to his duty as
Receiver of the Wabash. *Chicago Tribune*.It might be added in this connection
that the "Blue Line" road has always
given Bloomington the advantage of De-
catur in the line of rates. The new
deal will put Bloomington on a level with
other towns. She doesn't like the pros-
pect. We do.

Quarantine Lifted.

We are authorized to state that all
danger from the case of varioloid at the
Mrs. McGinnis boarding house on East
William street, has been removed, and
the quarantine established by the board
of health has been lifted. Miss Elliott
has recovered, and no one else contracted
the disease.

A Fiery Smashup.

The fire Sunday morning was at August
& Dowling's Bakery, 533 North Morgan
street. It originated between the ceiling
and tin roof, but it was soon extinguished
without much loss. The chemical broke
down but ten or fifteen yards from the
fire. But that's not all—August &
Dowling have the finest line of Bread,
Pies and Cakes, everything you can ask
for in a bakery. As we employ all first-
class bakers, and use all first-class mate-
rial for our goods, we are prepared to
serve the public with the very best.
Wedding and Christmas cakes a specialty.
Goods delivered to all parts of the city.
Vagans put all day. Give us a call.
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New Series of Sermons.

Next Sunday night at the First M. E.
church Rev. James Miller will begin a
series of sermons to young women, en-
titled "Typical women of the Bible." The
different subjects are as follows:Dec. 18—"Mother Eve."
Dec. 25—"A Woman's Fearlessness; or,
Home Against Empire."
Jan. 1—"A Woman's Devotion; or,
the Heroism of Love."
Jan. 8—"A Woman's Self-Sacrifice
Turning the Tide of Destiny."
Jan. 15—"A Woman's Consecration;
Its Power in History."Opening of the regular half term of
Musical College Monday, Dec. 19th. Pu-
pils will be received at any time. d3

PERSONAL MENTION.

Miss Anna Meister is very low with
consumption.Mrs. N. A. White, who has been seri-
ously ill, is reported some better.Miss Corn Albeck, of Belleville, is a
guest of her sister, Mrs. Edwin Park.Will Snyder is home from Kansas City,
where he has been visiting his sister.George Wise and family, late of Emery,
have gone to Pittsburg, Pa., to rest.Ed. Dowling is associated with Ed.
August in the bakery business on North
Morgan street.Will Holman and bride will arrive in
Decatur from Indianapolis to-morrow
morning.William O. Wilson, of Homer, and Miss
Lizzie Rainey, of Macon, were granted a
marriage license to-day.Mrs. D. R. Alexander and daughter,
Miss Mabel, are at Indianapolis to at-
tend the wedding this evening. Arthur
Alexander went over Saturday night.Thomas H. Davis, adv. agent for the
"Bureau N. State" dramatic company,
here on December 21st, is in the city.
He is no stranger in Decatur, having
come here in past years with the "Lights
O' London," and leading circuses.Cards are out for the wedding of Miss
Corn Bell Barker, daughter of Col. and
Mrs. J. H. Barker, to Prosper Marshall
Lar, to take place Wednesday evening,
Dec. 21, 6:30 o'clock, at the First Congre-
gational church, Springfield.

Entertainment

At Edmond street Mission Chapel on the
evening of Dec. 16th. Doors open at 7:30.
Tickets 25 cents. This school numbers
about 200 children. They need more
seats, more literature, more money for a
free entertainment on Christmas. It is
a good school. Buy a ticket and thus
help it in its good work. 12-15

DIED.

At 1020 Railroad Avenue, December 14, at 6:30
a. m. Anna, daughter of Fred Morgan, aged 2
years and 6 months.

THE HARPER TRIAL.

The Case Submitted to the Jury
Without Argument
of Counsel.The Judge's Charge a Virtual Order
to Bring in a Verdict
of Guilty.Defendant's Own Admissions Furnish
Sufficient Evidence of His
Guilt—Baby's Plea.CINCINNATI, O., Dec. 11.—The dramatic
scene in the Harper trial this morn-
ing kept the crowded court-room in a
hush of silence. Court was opened in
the usual way. Harper appeared, accom-
panied by his wife and her sister and his
boy, a fine-looking fellow of nine years.
The testimony for the defense was virtu-
ally nothing. Mr. Marshall told what
was the state of the account of Swift's
Iron and Steel Works in 1887. It amount-
ed to \$10,000 deposited, and \$10,800 with-
drawn—an overdraft. Mr. Phillips was
called to show that the property of these
works was worth over \$30,000.
J. W. Larkin, banker, was called to
show that Wilshire was buying wheat for
others than Harper, but all he could say
was that his bank had handled some paper
of Timberlake's, with indorsements
by Wilshire, and the court ruled it all out
as incompetent.
Timberlake himself was called. He said
Wilshire never bought for him nor for
Timberlake. Wilshire had simply in-
dorsed some of his paper. Mr. Blackburn
said his purpose was to show that Wil-
shire's testimony that he had bought for
Harper only, was not true. The court re-
minded counsel that Wilshire had testi-
fied that he bought a million bushels on
his own account, and if they could show
he had bought more than this it might be
done. The witness was excused. Edgar
Stark, bank cashier, was called to tell of
Timberlake's transaction, but it was ruled
out, and Mr. Blackburn said: "With that
ruling of the court we have no further
testimony."It was then half-past ten. Mr. Harper
and his counsel withdrew for consulta-
tion. Deputy Marshal Gray followed. In
ten minutes Mrs. Harper was called out.
The consultation was upon the question
of submitting the case without argu-
ment.
At forty-five minutes, past ten o'clock
the parties all returned, and Mrs. Harper
was carrying her babe. She sat down be-
side her husband with the child on her
knee, removed its white hood and dis-
played a lovely head and face, fair hair,
bright eyes, fine complexion, and full
round cheeks. There was a whisper of
consultation at the table for a minute or
two during which, above the low hum
of the crowd could be heard the flutlike
tones of the baby's voice as it reached to
the table after papers. It was the only
plea that was offered for its father, for
when Mr. Blackburn arose he said that,
under the ruling of the court as to the
evidence offered, they had no more wit-
nesses to offer.The Government called Messrs. Hinch
and Hayes, but the questions asked
them had been asked before and they
were ruled out. Mr. Burnett then said the
Government would rest.Judge Jackson: Will you argue the
case?Judge Wilson, for the defense, said
they would submit without argument if
the Government would.

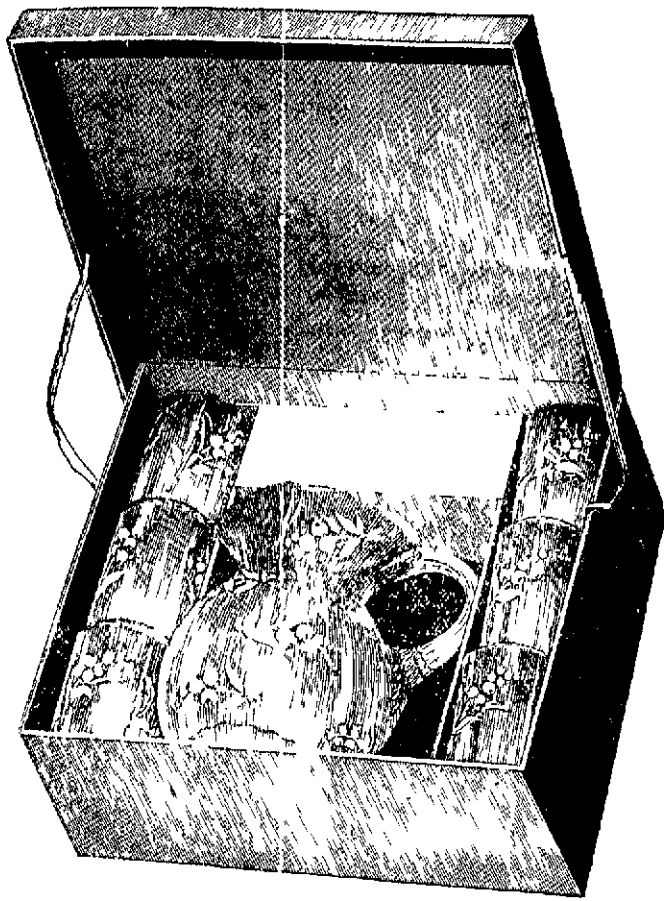
Mr. Burnett: We will.

Judge Jackson then prepared to de-
liver his charge to the jury.Judge Jackson's charge occupied one
hour and fifty minutes in delivery. He
began by referring to the form of the in-
dictment, and then gave the usual defini-
tions of the points of law necessary to be
considered by the jury. In a criminal in-
dictment. He called their attention to the
difference between criminal acts by offi-
cers of a banking association, and others
by which losses may accrue, but not be
criminal, and remarked that in every
case Harper was charged with a criminal
act. He defined the term abstract,
as used in the statute, as meaning to take
without the knowledge of the officers of
the association, and use it for the benefit
of others and with intent to defraud. An
intent to defraud applied to every act
which is illegal and tant. Intention. After
defining what was meant by proof beyond
a reasonable doubt, he said the responsibil-
ity of a bank officer, was not for losses on
honored loans in good faith for the benefit
of the association, but for illegal acts for
the benefit of others than the bank.He then passed to a review of the facts
proven, saying the case could assume
these things proven which had been pre-
sented in evidence by the testimony. He
then enumerated one at another the
various acts regarded as proven by
Harper's own admission, such as a credit
to the Riverside Iron & Steel Works upon
no consideration, and declared that the
defendant committed a wrongful act
when he took the check of the Riverside
works in that. So of the \$200,000 certifi-
cate of deposit in the First National Bank
of New York, represented by his own
check. This was a criminal act, admitted
by the defendant. Going on in the order
of time the court cited each act after ad-
mitted by Harper, which, under the
ruling of the court, constituted criminal
acts. Among others was \$15,000 to Hoyt
for Hopkins, in which Harper said he
was to be a sharer with Hopkins.
By sending collaterals to the Chemical
National Bank June 15, the defendant
committed an unlawful criminal act.
Harper's heroic efforts to save the bank
does not excuse him any more than men
would be excused for scuttling a ship by
afterwards making efforts to save it.
Referring to Harper's statement that
he was trying to save the bank, he severely
arraigned his method, saying it was not
reasonable for a man to sink \$1,400,000 in
trying to save \$89,000. Summing up, he
said, the court instructs the jury that it
must find, on its own testimony, that the
defendant had committed a crime.The jury was then instructed how to
make the form of their verdict, and they
were taken to their room to begin their
consultation. The court adjourned until
two o'clock.The sudden close of the Harper trial
without argument was no surprise to any-
one who had watched the progress of the
testimony and had knowledge of the
law. No counsel could have gone before
that jury to defend a man who had testi-
fied to acts which must be declared by
the court to be criminal and the Govern-
ment counsel had no need to argue where
the defendant himself had proven the
Government's case. It was therefore left
to his little child to make by its innocent
presence the only plea that could be
made for the great banker, and that
could only be a plea for mercy from the
judge. But it seemed to have been inef-
fectual while the judge was declaring
the law to the jury. Judge Jackson
doubtless felt that in that duty there was
no place for mercy. Certainly
he spoke with moral
and unflinching severity. His re-
view of the testimony showed a remark-
ably clear understanding of the whole
matter, and his summary of Harper's
misdeeds was a stunning blow to any
hope of mercy that may have crept into
the defendant's mind. The magnitude of
the amounts involved, the efficiency with
which wrongful acts were committed, all
were shown in their strongest light by the
judge as he detailed from memory the
testimony. His legal mind was clearly
what the verdict ought to be, and he used
the most unmistakable language. He
said: "The court instructs the jury that upon
defendant's own testimony, as he has com-
mitted a crime, as he has been declared
in the statute and which he has been
found guilty of, the jury must find him
guilty. It was delivered with great ear-
nestness. The jury was moved on its resis-
tance on the one side of the court, thus
removing Mrs. Harper and her child from
their view, and allowing the court to
speak to them with no hindrance what-
ever. Harper and Blackburn sat in the
corner of the room on the right. Near
them were several officers to look for any
emergency. When the charge was ended
Harper was for a time almost alone. This
Mrs. Harper brought her baby and Mr. Black-
burn came along, and the family group
sat silent and fearful, but with no mis-
takes. Soon Mr. Harper was removed
from the court-room.Later it was agreed to adjourn in the court
until Monday, when the jury's verdict
will be received, if they are then ready.

THE CHINESE QUESTION.

It Creates Trouble Between the Judicial
and Executive Branches of the
Government.SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 12.—The conflict
of opinion existing between the judicial
branch and the United States judges re-
garding the landing of Chinese on a ship
of previous record, nearly resulted in a
serious rupture between the executive
and judicial branches of the federal Gov-
ernment Saturday. Thirty Chinese
women arrived in this city within the
past twenty days, and have been refused
a landing by the collector on the ground
that they were being imported for im-
moral purposes. All had been placed on
board the City of Peking, which sailed for
China Saturday afternoon. Friends of
the women obtained writs of habeas cor-
pus directing the captain of the steamer
to produce them in court at noon on that
day. At that hour Judges Sawyer and
Sabin sat on the benches, but the women
did not appear. Milton Andrus, attorney
for the steamship company, stated that
writs had been served, but that when an
attempt was made to bring the women to
court a deputy collector interfered and
prevented them from reaching the court.
Judge Sawyer said: "The order of the
court is that those women be brought into
court at once. This order will be enforced
with the whole power at the command of
the court. If the custom house officials
interfere to prevent the order of the court
they do so at their own

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+CLOAKS,+

in the Prevailing Styles, in NEWMARKETS, HORN WRAPS, JACKETS, Etc., Etc.

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Shawls, Blankets, Underwear, Hosiery,
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+WE GIVE AWAY+
an and appropriate article, OF YOUR OWN
choice, with every cloak purchased at our house.

BIG 18 CHEAP STORE.
J. MORITZ & CO.

More than 18. Dr. T. P. Hubbell's. The following are the closing quotations in Chicago at 1 p. m. to-day, received by G. C. Caldwell, agent of J. M. Shaw & Co., Commission Merchants.

DAILY REPUBLICAN.

SOLE AGENTS
—FOR—
Booth's Oysters,
SCHNELL & CRAGG'S
Winsor Moch
—AND—
Java Coffees,
THE CELEBRATED
Princess Tea.
DINGES & COOP.

MONDAY EVE, DEC. 12, 1897.
LOCAL NEWS.

For dinner and tea sets, go to E. D. BATHOLMEW & Co's. On a 13 days to Christmas. It will pay you to visit D. F. Hamscher's shop on North Main street. He will give you low figures on road carts, buggies, sleighs and carriages.

The best lantern in Decatur is on sale at Lytle & Eckels' hardware store. W. H. Shore will give you inside figures on coal and wood. Send orders to his office on North Main street.

In a few days there will be little left of the J. L. Fenton residence property. An Lebon & Bolen's store you will find dressed poultry and fine potatoes. F. M. MARTIN has sold to Luther Hall lots 4 and 5 in block 6, Brock's addition to Nantico for \$200.

MEETING of the Lewis Literary Circle ordered to be held at the residence of Mrs. I. R. Mills on Tuesday, December 13, 1897. Per order of secretary. Rev. SMITH, who comes from Japan, will lecture at the Christian church this evening. Hear him.

The annual club of the S. S. Times will remain open till the 15th. Hand your name to W. E. Mann at once, at the Y. M. C. A. Rooms.

Modern folding beds, \$20 to \$200 each, at Dugman & Meyer's furniture store. OPERATIONS at the natural gas well resumed Saturday afternoon. The pump was taken out and now drilling is again in progress with little prospect of further interruption.

Mrs. FOWLER MARRIED Wednesday afternoon at 4 o'clock at the opera house, lasting for two hours. Prices 10, 25 and 32 cents. It will be a refined entertainment—one that will delight the young and old.

For forty years Ayer's Cherry Pectoral has been demonstrated to be the most reliable remedy in use, for colds, coughs, and lung diseases. Slight colds should not be neglected. The Pectoral will prevent their becoming chronic.

COGNAC HUNNEL Shirts, in all the latest shades, plated bosom, perfect fit. At B. St. ne's. dit.

THE SPENCER & LEHMAN Co. sell the old reliable Peter Shuttler and Mohne Wagons. Nov 9 d&wt.

Just received at the City Book Store, an immense variety of the latest styles of picture mouldings. Like your Christmas pictures there early, and have them artistically framed. 3dt.

Tar Christmas is plush goods, displayed at W. C. Armstrong's drug store are greatly admired by the ladies and gentlemen who have no trouble in making quick selections at reasonable figures. The assortment most embraces all manner of plush toilet articles, useful and ornamental. 10d 6.

Two physicians, of Morris, Ill., told E. W. Hurl that he was beyond the help of medicine or medical skill from severe lung disease contracted in a cold rain. Was induced to try Dr. Bigelow's Cough Cure, two bottles of which completed a cure. Over a year has elapsed and he is in excellent health, doing hard work on his farm. Dr. Bigelow's Positive Cure is the only known consumption cure. Sold by Dr. A. J. Storer in fifty cent and dollar bottles. Got the genuine. Pleasant for children. 3b.

1500 New Cloaks and Wraps, for ladies and children, in elegant styles and decidedly cheap, at Linn & Scruggs.

THE SPENCER & LEHMAN Co. sell the old reliable Peter Shuttler and Mohne Wagons. Nov 9 d&wt. DAY LUNCH \$1.00 per week at Combs' Court House Restaurant—the best place in the city to board. Meals at all hours. No 139 South Water St. u25 dt.

Certificates of Teachers.
One of the ambitions of Dr. Richard Edwards, the state superintendent of public instruction, is to induce the teachers of Illinois to strive for the special certificate of scholarship authorized by the school laws, known as the State Teachers' Certificate. The granting of these certificates began in 1881, under Newton Bateman, and yet, up to this date, only 464 of them have been issued in the space of 26 years. Probably not over half of those holding these certificates are now living or residents of the state. There are but 24,000 teachers in the state, and if half of those to whom such certificates have been issued are now engaged in their profession in Illinois, which is doubtful, it shows but one teacher in 100 holds a state certificate. This does not indicate as great ambition and enthusiasm in the profession as it would be natural to expect.

The Message Did It.
An order to shut down the Joliet Rolling mills, which was issued Saturday, causes a flutter among business people of that city. The order states that on the 25th inst. the operating departments of the plant will be shut down indefinitely and the men permanently discharged and paid off. The pay roll of this company amounts to \$100,000 per month, and it employs 2,000 men. The employees have been frugal during the past year, and can get over the winter quite comfortably.

The mills have run steadily for six years, interrupted only once, in 1883, about four months, by a strike which resulted adversely to the interests of the employees, who were finally compelled to take 20 per cent. less than offered to them at the beginning of the strike. The superintendent gives as the reason for closing the works that there was a depression in the steel rail market, and a lack of orders. He also states that the President's message and the attitude of Congress on the tariff question unsettled the industry so that prices on contracts for 1898 delivery could not be made with any certainty as to what the market price would be.

Think of It.
A copy of the Traver Cal, Advocate of Nov. 26, containing the following note, is at hand: "The friends of Frank Rea in Traver were the recipients of many roasting ears of corn on Thanksgiving day. The corn was grown on Mr. Rea's ranch, two miles from Traver. We have not yet had a chance to sample the specimens left with us, but they look tempting."

We have the satisfaction of hearing from several sources that Dr. Bull's Cough Syrup is all it claims to be a genuinely good preparation.

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Skipped.
It is safe to say that the amusement goers of this city will receive with much satisfaction the announcement that the famous lighing sensation, "Skipped by the Light of the Moon," is to be produced at the opera house on next Friday evening, the 16th inst. by Fowler & Warrington's original company. This company, which was seen here for the first time two years ago, was received with great favor by the large audience that greeted them at that time. As for the play itself its vitality, action, humor and grotesqueness its verbal fun and gymnastic hilarity, its vim and "go" that delighted all who then witnessed it, has lost none of its charm and will draw forth an audience in it will test the opera house to its utmost capacity.

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